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Rules for Aquaculture Scope

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document, part of the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations (GR), applies to the Integrated Farm Assurance version 6 Smart (IFA v6 Smart) edition and the Integrated Farm Assurance version 6 GFS (IFA v6 GFS) edition.

These rules for the aquaculture scope shall be used in combination with the GLOBALG.A.P. GR and apply to the production of all products listed under the aquaculture scope in the GLOBALG.A.P. product list.

The term “shall” is used throughout the GLOBALG.A.P. normative documents to indicate mandatory provisions.

2 CERTIFICATION SCOPE

2.1 GLOBALG.A.P. product list

The aquaculture scope includes the following product categories at all stages of their life cycle and those species listed in the GLOBALG.A.P. product list:

- Finfish
- Crustaceans
- Molluscs
- Seaweed

At all stages, seedlings (ova and/or juveniles) shall originate from producers with GLOBALG.A.P. registration/certification. Brood stock shall be obtained through an aquaculture breeding program. If wild-caught brood stock is used, it shall originate from a fishery that has proven that it is ecologically managed. Passive collection of seedlings from the planktonic phase is allowed for molluscs’ spat.

Aquaculture certification cannot be achieved for wild fish/catch that is not farmed.

Postharvest handling of aquaculture products by the same legal entity as the farm shall also demonstrate compliance with the postharvest/mass balance and traceability sections of the P&Cs applicable to aquaculture in order for the producer to achieve certification.

The scope of certification clearly defines the scientific name of the farmed species in the electronic certificate issued in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems.

3 REGISTRATION

Producers shall register with the same certification body (CB) for the aquaculture certification and for the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practices (GRASP). Registration for GRASP shall follow the GRASP general rules.

4 CB AUDIT

4.1 CB farm audit timing

The registered aquaculture species shall be present on the farm at the time of the CB audit. Postharvest handling operations performed by the same legal entity as the farm shall also be audited.

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4.2 CB audit of product handling units

Where an Option 1 multisite producer (with or without QMS) or an Option 2 producer group has more than one product handling unit, each unit shall be audited while in operation (there shall be no sampling of product handling units).

4.3 CB farm audit duration

a) The CB farm audit duration shall allow for an opening meeting with farm management, a complete evaluation of all relevant standard requirements, completion of the applicable checklist, and the presentation of the results to the producer.

b) The initial CB farm audit duration for the aquaculture scope shall be no less than one and a half days. This duration excludes the GRASP assessment or any other add-on CB audit and shall also be applied in the first year of the IFA Smart or IFA GFS CB audit.

c) In subsequent years, the usual CB farm audit duration for the aquaculture scope is no less than seven hours on-site.

d) The minimum duration of seven hours shall apply to the simplest circumstances: Subsequent CB audits of typically mollusc farms but potentially also other small finfish and crustacean farms that have very simple or compact operations, a single species, no product handling, and less than five workers. The seven hours exclude reporting, preparation, and travel (during the CB audit). Any other type of operation will require more than seven hours on-site audit time. These seven hours also exclude the audit duration of the GRASP assessment or any other add-on CB audit.

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